DISAPPEARANCE OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO LUPIN LABS.

@3031. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH :

SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN .

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have instituted an enquiry into the disappearance of the documents relating to concessions granted to Lupin Labs., for the anti-tuberclosis Ethambutol as reported in the observed, New Delhi of 25th September, 1993;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the missing documents relate to the orders for fixing responsibility for favours done to the company by giving it an additional Rs. 200 per Kg on Ethambutol which comes to about Rs. 8 crores;

(c) if so what are the facts in this regard; and

(d) whether the missing file has since been traced, if not, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) and (b) Yes Sir.

(c) The matter relates to non-adoption of the latest data in the cost cum technical study report for bulk drug Ethambutol submitted in 1988 to this Ministry.

(d) No file is missing.

@Previously Unstarred Question 1658 Transferred from 15th December, 1993.

SHORTFALL IN THE OUTPUT OF FERTILIZER INDUSTRY.

3032. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the fertilizer industry has reported a short-fall in out-put during the years 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 as on date, raising doubts that the industry would be able to achieve the annual production for the years 1993-94 and 1994-95;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the short-fall could be attributed to the inadequate supply of coal and natural gas to the industry;

(c) what was the per annum production during the period 1990 to 1993, tonnes per month, for each plant, plant-wise, and what are the adverse impact on this industry so far,

(d) whether the planning commission has indicated any target of tonnes by the terminal year of current Eighth Five Year Plan;

(e) whether any adverse effect on the export time bound programme in current year and year-wise figures of export which were exported during the last three years ; and

(f) if so, the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) to (c) An Annexure giving the company-wise details of production of fertilizers in terms of nutrients during 1990-91, 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 (upto November, 1993) is attached.

(*See* Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 59)

During the current year, the marginal shortfall in the production of Nitrogen has been due to continued low production in the plants of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. and Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd., the two sick companies, due to design deficiencies, equipment break-downs, liquidity problem, etc. Production was also less in KRIBHCO compared to last year due to shortage of gas. Some shortfall in Nitrogen was contributed by lower production of DAP and complexes. The shortfall in phosphate production has been due to poor off-take after decontrol and competition from cheaper imports.

It is premature to indicate production during 1994-95 as targets would be fixed in February-March, 1994.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) India's fertiliser exports are quite insignificant as the country is a net importer. However, small quantities of fertilizers have been exported to Nepal as per details given below :—

Year	Quantity exported
1990-91	
1991-91	10,000 tonnes of DAP
	20,000 tonnes of Urea
1992-93	15,000 tonnes of Urea

DELAY IN THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEW DRUG POLICY

3033. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the long delayed New Drug Policy has largely affected the drug industry in the country;

(b) if so, whether the meeting of the representatives from the Industry with Union Minister on 22nd October, 1993 pointed out difficulties faced by the Industry due to delay in announcing the drug policy;

(c) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereon; and

(d) by what time Government is likely to announce the New Policy ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDEO FALEIRO) : (a) to (d). Issue relating to Drug Policy, 1986 have been discussed in the 1993 and the finalisation of decisions is 1993 and the finalisation of decisions is at an advanced stage.

DISPOSAL OF SUITS RELATING TO BHOPAL GAS LEAK DISASTER

3034. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI was pulled up by Chief Judicial Magistrate for not being serious about disposal of criminal suits relating to Bhopal Gas leak disaster of December, 1984;

(b) if so, whether Government was not serious despite giving several assurances; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that Central Government has also failed to inform the Court for more than one year about the extradition proceedings against the Chief of the Union Carbide Corporation ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO) : (a) Owing to the inability of the prosecutor of CBI to attend the Court on 27-9-1993, due